

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2006, Applicant amends his application and requests reconsideration. Claims 2, 4, 7, and 9 are cancelled leaving claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 10 pending.

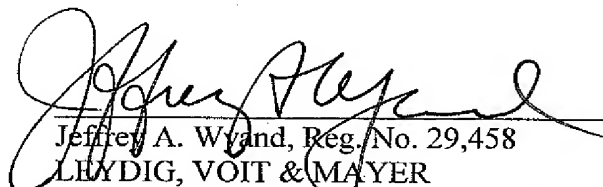
Examined claims 2, 4, 7, and 9 were objected to, but not rejected.

In this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 are combined as amended claim 1. This combination requires the cancellation of claim 4 as redundant. Likewise, claims 6 and 7 are combined as amended claim 6. Claim 9 is, therefore, cancelled as redundant. These amendments require amendment of claims 3 and 8 to conform those claims to their respective amended parent claims. Further minor amendments are made to claims 3, 6, and 8, that are non-substantive in nature, only improving the form of those claims. Grammar is improved and the steps of method claim 6 that are taken from former claim 7 are stated more positively.

In view of the concession of the allowability of examined claims 2 and 7, this Amendment places the application in form for allowance. No response to the prior art rejection is necessary nor supplied.

Prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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